

### **Listing and Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for the relative locating of a first electrical appliance plugged into a first part of an electrical network and a second electrical appliance plugged into a second part of the electrical network

comprising the following steps:

- measurement of a first number of alternations or of electrical periods on the first part by the first electrical appliance from the energizing of the first part and up to transmission of a signal by the first electrical appliance;
- measurement of a second number of alternations or of electrical periods on the second part by the second electrical appliance from the energizing of the second part and up to receipt of ~~[[a]]~~ the signal from the first electrical appliance;
- comparison of the first number with the second number.

2. (Original) A process according to Claim 1, with a step of:

- exchange of the first number or of the second number by a communication between the first electrical appliance and the second electrical appliance.

3. (Original) A process according to Claim 2, wherein the communication is a communication by carrier currents.

4. (Currently Amended) A process according to Claim 2, wherein said signal corresponds to ~~[[the]]~~ a start signal for the communication.

5. (Original) A process according to Claim 1, with a step posterior to the said comparison whose nature depends on the difference between the first number and the second number.

6. (Currently Amended) A process according to Claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a transmission of said signal takes place after a specified duration determined by the first electrical appliance.

7. (Original) A process according to Claim 6, wherein the specified duration lies between 1 s and 20 s.

8. (Original) A process according to Claim 6, wherein the specified duration has at least one random or pseudo-random component.

9. (Original) A process for locating a first electrical appliance plugged into a first part of an electrical network relative to a second electrical appliance plugged into a second part of the electrical network

comprising the following steps:

- measurement of a first number of alternations or of electrical periods on the first part by the first electrical appliance from the energizing of the first part and up to the start of a communication with the second electrical appliance;
- receipt by the first electrical appliance of a second number of alternations or of electrical periods on the second part measured by the second electrical appliance from the energizing of the second part to the start of communication;
- comparison of the first number with the second number.

10. (Currently Amended) A process for the relative locating of a first electrical appliance plugged into a first part of an electrical network and a second electrical appliance plugged into a second part of the electrical network

comprising the following steps:

- measurement according to a specified criterion of a first characteristic related to the electrical signal on the first part by the first electrical appliance from the energizing of the first part and up to the start of a communication with the second electrical appliance;
- measurement according to said criterion of a second characteristic related to the electrical signal on the second part by the second electrical appliance from the energizing of the second part and up to receipt of a signal from the first electrical appliance;
- comparison of the first characteristic with the second characteristic.

11. (Currently Amended) A process for decrypting a digital content by a first electrical appliance plugged into a first part of an electrical network, a second electrical appliance being plugged into a second part of the electrical network,

comprising the following steps:

- measurement according to a specified criterion of a first characteristic related to the electrical signal on the first part;

- measurement according to said criterion of a second characteristic related to the electrical signal on the second part;
- ~~- comparison of the first characteristic with the second characteristic;~~
- decryption if and only if the ~~result of the comparison is positive~~ first characteristic is equivalent to the second characteristic.

12. (Currently Amended) A process according to Claim 11, wherein the ~~result of the comparison is positive~~ first characteristic is equivalent to the second characteristic if and only if the first characteristic is equal to the second characteristic.

13. (Currently Amended) A process according to Claim 11, wherein the ~~result of the comparison is positive~~ first characteristic is equivalent to the second characteristic if and only if the first characteristic differs from the second characteristic by less than a predetermined tolerance value.

14. (Original) A process according to Claim 11, with a step of:  
- exchange of the first characteristic or of the second characteristic by a communication by carrier currents.

15. (Original) A process according to Claim 11, wherein the first electrical appliance and the second electrical appliance are digital decoders.